

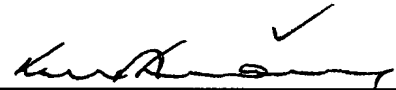
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PCT-based specification in order to render it complying with U.S. patent prosecution standards. By this amendment, Applicant has eliminated certain syntactical and orthographic errors, and has introduced subtitles. No new matter has been added to Applicant's original disclosure in consequence of the amendments to the claims and specification.

Substitute specifications are being tendered herewith in versions clearly marked "with" and "without" brackets and underlining to reflect the changes set forth hereinabove.

It is earnestly urged that the instant application as hereby amended is in condition for allowance which is courteously solicited.

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